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SUBJECT: PAYMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BA OFFICE
BUILDING PROJECT

1. BF/FS HAS DISCUSSED WITH TREASURY VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES FOR PROCESSING PAYMENTS TO SUB-CONTRACTORS TO COMPLETE OFFICE BUILDING NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION. TREASURY PREFERS THAT WE USE EFP.WR:DS-127 PROCEDURE, UNDER SECTION VIII OF THE WFC CASHIER HANDBOOK IN LIEU OF ESTABLISHING SPECIAL CASHIER CHECKING ACCOUNT.

2. WE ASSUME THAT FOR SMALLER PAYMENTS, POST WILL MAKE FULL USE OF ITS SUB-CASHIER AUTHORITY(4 FAM 392.3) AT SITE.

3. IN VIEW OF LARGE LOCAL CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS ANTICIPATED, BANK DRAFTS SHOULD ALSO BE ISSUED. (OUR UNDERSTANDING FROM FBO IS THAT THERE WILL BE 75-100 TRANSACTIONS AND UP TO DOLS. 400,000 USE DISBURSED PER MONTH THROUGH COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT WHICH IS TARGETED AT TWELVE MONTHS).

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4. BEFORE PROCEEDING, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS

ON THE INCREASED USE OF THE DS-127 PROCEDURE AND ISSUANCE
OF DRAFTS FROM POST POINT OF VIEW. WHAT WOULD BE IMPACT
OF THIS PROCEDURE ON WORKLOAD FOR POST'S B&F STAFF?
PLEASE ALSO DISCUSS WITH LOCAL BANKS. WOULD THEY BE
AGREEABLE TO SUCH A PROCEDURE? WOULD THERE BE BANK
CHARGE AND, IF SO, APPROXIMATE AMOUNT?

5. PLEASE SLUG REPLY FOR WFC. KISSINGER

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